GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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USE OF BASEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that basements in residential colonies in Delhi are being used illegally for commercial activities on large scale causing problems of congestion, parking, security and cleanliness of the area;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the use of a basement can be put to as per the Master Plan of Delhi 2001, MCD Act, etc.; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Local Bodies reported that complaints have been received in this regard from time to time. As and when any such misuse of the basement is noticed, action is taken under the respective laws.

(c)&(d): As per the provisions of Master Plan for Delhi - 2001 read with unified Building Byelaws for Delhi 1983, basement can be used (i) for household storage and other goods of non-flammable material and parking in residential buildings and (ii) for storage of non-flammable material, dark rooms, strong rooms, bank cellars etc., air conditioning equipment and other machines used for services and utilities of the buildings, parking places and garages, stacking rooms of libraries and office or commercial purpose provided it is air conditioned, in commercial/Institutional Buildings.